GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONTRACT OF CATERING IN LUCKNOW SWARNA SHATABDI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract of catering in Lucknow Swarna Shatabdi Express has been given by Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation to such a firm against whom six cases of vigilance (Railways) have been registered; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) and (b) Management of catering licence for Lucknow Swarna Shatabdi Express was awarded to M/s R. K. Associates by Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation, a public sector company under the Ministry of Railways, on the basis of competitive bidding through a process of pre-qualification on the basis of expression of interest. M/s. R.K. Associates fulfilled the eligibility criteria and the firm is not blacklisted by Railway. The tender committee examined the credentials of the applicants with an objective criterion.

Preventive checks are made to maintain service standards by various agencies including Vigilance. During the last three years 14 cases of irregularities/deficiencies have been reported by the Vigilance Department against this firm. While fines were imposed in 3 cases, 11 irregularities were of very minor nature.